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SUBJECT: GDR COVERAGE OF COOPER-HONECKER MEETING

1. GDR NEWS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO FEB. 27 MEETING BETWEEN AMB COOPER AND FIRST SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER. EAST GERMAN TELEVISION ON EVENING FEB. 27 FEATURED FILM REPORT AS SECOND NEWS ITEM IN BROADCAST WITH SEVERAL MINUTES DEVOTED TO COOPER AND HONECKER

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2. FEB. 28 EDITION OF PARTY ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) HAS FRONT PAGE STORY WITH PICTURES OF HONECKER AND COOPER DURING DISCUSSIONS. ARTICLE REPORTS COOPER BROUGHT GREETINGS TO HONECKER FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND THAT HONECKER RESPONDED BY PRAISING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS

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BETWEEN U.S. AND GDR AS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN INTEREST OF PEACE AND DETENTE. ND REPORTS COOPER CONVEYED PRESIDENT'S WILLINGNESS TO

WORK

FOR A RAPID CONCLUSION OF CSCC AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ALONG WITH HIS OWN

DESIRE TO FURTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GDR. ARTICLE
CONCLUDED

BY NOTING THAT BOTH AGREED THAT THE UNINTERRUPTED DEVELOP-
MENT OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CO-
OPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GDR CORRESPONDED TO THE
INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF PEACEFULL
COEXISTENCE.

3. COMMENT: EAST GERMAN PORTRAYAL OF MEETING HAS BEEN
UNIFORMLY UPBEAT WITH EMPHASIS ON MUTUAL AGREEMENT
THAT A STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IS IN THE
INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PACE AT WHICH UN-
INTERRUPTED DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS SHOULD PROGRESS
IS NOT MENTIONED. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL
COMMENT FROM THE GDR SIDE.COOPER

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